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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to the final Official Action of the Examiner mailed May 3, 2004, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending August 3, 2004. Enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, extending the time for response to September 3, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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